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Citizen Potawatomi Nation

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 27th

8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Museum & Gift Shop, Arts & Crafts, Food Vendors
9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Bowling Tournament, Open Play
9 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. — FireLake Restaurant
10 a.m. — Golf Pow Wow Scramble
11 a.m. — Bingo & Off Track Betting, FireLake Entertainment Center
5 p.m. — Supper for Tribal Members, Employees & Families (Pow-Wow Grounds)
7 p.m. — Dancing for Tribal Members, Employees & Families
Language Classes: Language Classes will be held on Thursday and Friday, Contact Norman Kiker for time. (405) 878-4818.

Saturday, June 28th

7 a.m.-2 p.m. — Polls Open
7 a.m. — Arts & Crafts and Food Vendors Open
9 a.m.-2 p.m. — Health Screening, Potawatomi Clinic
9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Bowling Tournament, Open Play
8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Museum & Gift Shop
9 a.m. — Sacred Heart Tour, Leave Admin. Bldg.
9 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. — FireLake Restaurant
9:30 a.m. — Horse Shoe Tournament, Golf Course Pavilion
10 a.m. — Golf Tournament, Tee Times
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Youth Arts & Crafts and Language, Pow-Wow Grounds)
Noon — Bingo & Off Track Betting, FireLake Entertainment Center
3 p.m. — General Council Meeting
2-5 p.m. — Gourd Dancing
7 p.m. — Grand Entry

Sunday, June 29th

9 a.m. — Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. Shot Gun Start
9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Bowling Tournament, Open Play
9 a.m.-2 p.m. — FireLake Restaurant
10 a.m. — Church Service, Pow-Wow Grounds. Lunch Follows
Noon — Bingo & Off Track Betting, FireLake Entertainment Center
1-5 p.m. — Museum & Gift Shop
2-5 p.m. — Gourd Dancing
7 p.m. — Grand Entry



The Round House Is Ready!

The Round House, the new covered dance area, will be ready for gourd dancers and bad weather

Potawatomi come home for pow-wow

It's a homecoming, a community celebration and an increasing popular tourist event showcasing the accomplishments of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It's the 24th annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow.

Thousands of returning Potawatomi, along with dancers and spectators from all over the country, are in the Shawnee area for three days of events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 27, 28 and 29. This year's Pow-Wow Weekend begins with an evening designed for tribal members only.

Friday night, June 27, will be Potawatomi Night at the pow-wow grounds, with activities planned especially

for tribal members, employees and their families.

"We'll begin with supper on the grounds at 5 p.m. Friday," said pow-wow coordinator Esther Lowden. The free dinner will replace the one held on Saturday in past years.

After supper, Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett will greet everyone, recognizing the various Potawatomi families represented as well as the eldest, youngest, and others. That will be followed by dance demonstrations and lessons for those who have never danced. The goal is for everyone to participate.

"We want everyone to come," Lowden

said. Two drums will be on hand to play for dancers, White Thunder, a Potawatomi drum, and Kenneth Cozad's Drum. This year's Potawatomi Princess, 14-year-old Kristy Phillips of Maud, will also be on hand.

Tribal employees will also be encouraged to attend and visit with tribal members, since over the years out-of-town tribal members have said they don't have enough time during the weekend to get acquainted with staff members. Others, particularly campers who will already be set up in the adjacent campground, are

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Playing For Missouri

Josh O'Neal, the son of Steve and Jo Ann O'Neal and grandson of Bill and Betty Failing, has signed a letter of intent to play football for the Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Missouri. Josh, who received a full scholarship, is 6'2" and weighs 215 pounds. He played defensive end for Ada High School the last four years. Ada won the state championship all four years. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Mass Communications, Track, Basketball, and F.C.A. Recent knee surgery may delay his entry into school until January 1998, but he is moving to Missouri this month to work and rehabilitate his knee. Josh was nominated for the 1997 Kerr-McGee Scholar/Athlete Award.

Walking on

Robert Dale McKinney

U.S. Navy Seal and Merchant Marine veteran Robert Dale McKinney Sr. died May 12, 1997, in Shawnee at the age of 54.

He was born June 7, 1943, in Manhattan, Kan., the son of Dan and Ellen McKinney.

He is survived by his daughter, Ellinda McKinney; two sons; Robert McKinney Jr. and Clinton McKinney; daughter-in-law, Mary McKinney; three grandchildren, Stormee McKinney, Skilah McKinney, and Lucia McKinney, all of Shawnee; sisters, Mavis Tsotaddle, Shawnee, Rose Bradford, Vivian Crowder, both of Manhattan, Kan., Geraldine Pynski, Buffalo, N.Y.; half sisters, Donna Jean Poore, Marland,

Betty Jo Hugar, Apache; and brothers, Daniel Noonan McKinney Jr., Mayetta, Kan., Daniel Noonan McKinney III, Leonard James McKinney, both of Carnegie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Angela McKinney; brothers, Anthony Levier, Albert Levier and Walter Eugene Nelson and his parents.

Services were held at Shisheep Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, Kansas.

Grace Elise Merrifield

Grace Elise Merrifield, descendent of Madeline Vieux Yott, died May 14, 1997, at her residence in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

She was born Dec. 10, 1927, to Bernard and Tressa Hudspeth in Elkhart, Kansas.

She was a nurse's aide in the VA hospitals in Ft. Lyon and Denver, Colorado, and at several nursing homes in Denver and Los Angeles.

She was a radio announcer and women's editor for KBZZ in LaJunta, Colo. She covered one bad flood on the Arkansas River by making advisories and commentaries flying in a light plane from Lamar toward Pueblo as far as her portable radio would reach KBZZ each way.

She had life memberships in American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the BPOE and memberships in the veterans organizations. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma.

She is survived by her husband, Jacques, and sons, Philip, Joseph and Ronald; step-daughter, Tuller J. Merrifield; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

James William Beaubien Jr.

James William "Bill" Beaubien, Jr., died Friday, April 19, 1997, at the Integris Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City. He was 77.

Graveside committal rites were held at Bristow (OK) City Cemetery with the

rev. Ray A. Hickman, interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Claremore, and former pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bristow, officiating. The U.S. Army, Fort Sill, will provide full military honors. Arrangements are under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 2, 1919, to James William, Sr., and Melvina (Call) Beaubien, in Shawnee. He moved with his family to Bristow where he attended school. He was vice president of his graduating class, served as co-captain of the football team, and was a member of the track team. He graduated in 1939.

During World War II and the Korean Conflict, J.W. "Bill" saw combat with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a liaison (reconnaissance) pilot. He remained on active duty reserve with the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring after 30 years with the rank of major.

Following the war J.W. "Bill" worked as a welder in the Conoco refinery. In the late '60s, he established Beaubien's Aerial Spraying Service, which he operated until his retirement.

He was a member of the First Presby-

terian Church, the American Legion, having received a 50 year pin, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Oklahoma Aerial Applicators Association, from which he had received "Pilot of the Year," and the National Aerial Applicators Association.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and high performance cars.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Ann (Corey) Beaubien, of the home; son, James W. "Jim" Beaubien III, Dallas, Texas; one grandson, Jason W. Beaubien, Enid; his brother, Richard Beaubien, Puyallup, Wash.; eight step-children, Bernadine Allen, Stillwater, Tina Scoulas, Edmond, Tammy McHenry, Oklahoma City, Ted Mack, Oklahoma City, Jetta Ellison, Tulsa, Jane Yadon, Broken Arrow, Nancy McCaskell, Oklahoma City; and an adopted son, Stratton M. Beaubien, Edmond.

Memorials may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, for heart research, 825 N.E. 13th, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 or to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1442, Ponca City, OK 74602.

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TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 28, 1997. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 9, 1997. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set aside funds, as well as the election of the Tribal Chairman for a four-year term and Grievance Committee Members #1, #2, and #3 for two-years terms, will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

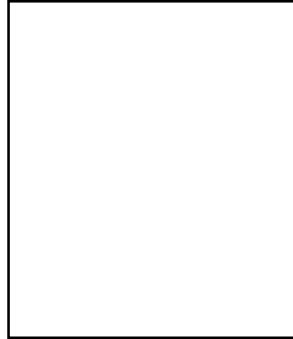
TRIBAL TRACTS

Vice Chairman reports on national race, ethnicity conference

The 10th annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) was held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida May 29-June 2. What an enlightening experience!

I am so proud to have played a part in the planning of such an outstanding conference. The Executive Committee of the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies serves as the primary planning body for the annual conference. The Center is established under the College of Continuing Education on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Maggie Abudu is the executive director for the Center.

I have served on the Executive Committee of the Center for the past three years. During preparations for the last two conferences, I served with a team of other members of the Executive Committee to review proposals for conference presenters. My level of involvement in this year's



FROM THE
VICE CHAIRMAN
By Linda Capps

conference helped me realize a deeper appreciation for racial and ethnic diversity in both education and the workplace.

As the diversity issue continues to grow across our states and nation, people will increasingly be required to respond to a range of diversity-related challenges on a near daily basis. A few of the issues include: sensitivity to diverse cultural values, conflict mediation and resolution, community building and school climate issues, anger management, curricular inclusiveness.

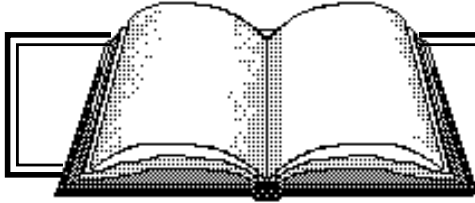
The NCORE is a resource to assist interested community and school leaders in dealing with sensitive racial and ethnic concerns. One session that I attended dealt with bias-free communication. The session contained information on how to deal with nondiscrimination policies for schools and the workplace — equitable treatment, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, physical ability or other dimensions of diversity. The content also dealt with the use of written and spoken language that advocates

respect for people from all walks of life.

The most important part of the conference was that it promoted a climate where diversity means to respect, appreciate, value everyone — regardless of race or ethnicity. In fact, Disney World's Office of Diversity has adopted a similar slogan in their magnificent endeavors to promote diversity in the workplace. If we all practiced appropriate behaviors to support an environment where all people are respected, appreciated and valued, wouldn't this world be a better place in which to live?

If you would like to receive information about the 11th NCORE which will be held in Denver, CO, contact Dr. Maggie Abudu, Executive Director, Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, 555 East Constitution, Suite 209, Norman, Oklahoma 73072-7820, 405-325-3936, fax: 405-325-3940.

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For the record...

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 5, 1997

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb, EDP Director Mary Farrell and guest, tribal member Mark Ketterman.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-48 enrolling 24 tribal members under previous guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 6:20 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-48 enrolling 24 tribal members under previous guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #97-49 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-50 enrolling 22 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #97-51 enrolling 26 descendency

applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #97-52 enrolling 27 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #97-53 enrolling 27 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-54 enrolling 21 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to authorize John Barrett to sign the amended contract with Las Vegas, Dissemination, Inc. for the broadcast for the para mutual racing operation; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve \$300.00 first place, \$200.00 second place and \$100.00 third place in the Citizen Potawatomi Art Center; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Tolbert Enterprises is being issued a Corporate Charter and Wholesale License. Business Committee approved the first order of 2,250 cases of LandMark Light and two months supply of kegs.

Hilton Melot moved to appoint Linda Capps to contact Don Kinnamon and to conduct a tour of the tribal complex; Gene Bruno seconded. Passes 4 in favor, 1 abstention.

Hilton Melot moved to adjourn Business Committee; Gene Bruno seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following tribal members were enrolled under the previous guidelines:

Baptiste, Brandy Lean
Flowers, Jackie Wayne
Francoeur, Douglas Wayne
Guess, James Arthur
Harman, Scott Marla Renae
Hixon, Gebhart Juanita Louise
Hughes, Joseph Raymond
Jackson, Neal Catherine Michele
Knight, Gebhart Billie Joanne
LeClair, James Daniel
Pruett, Timothy Byron
Quesnell, Tittle Marsha Doreen
Scott, Kenneth Ray
Scott, Klemme Leslee Elaine
Tasier, Steven Duane

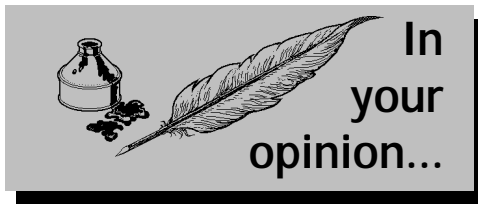
The following tribal members were enrolled under descendency:

Ables, Michael Jason
Ables, Staci Lanette
Abrams, David Ray Jr.
Adams, Amy Lyn
Adams, Nathan Kevin
Anderson, Kelly Lynne
Anderson, Stephanie Nichole
Anglin, Natalia Jinhee
Baitis, Adam Lawrence
Baitis, Brian Micheal
Baitis, Heidi Kara
Balderrama, Myrial Gail
Barr, Jacob Michael
Blakesley, Jacob Daniel
Blevins, Carol Ann
Blevins, Tracey Lynn
Bounmiswang, Michael Oudone
Braddy, Brooke Janette
Braddy, Eric Gene
Braddy, Janay Marie
Bradshaw, Jonathan July

Bradshaw, Julianna Curtessa
Bradshaw, Summer Lillie-Jean
Bressman, Nathan
Brown, Nakia Daniel
Churchill, Kaitlyn Dawn
Cook, Tara Leanne
Creech, Annie Louise
Damron, Heather Nicole
Damron, Michael Robert
Damron, Shawntel Renee
Edge, Kennedie Ryan
Fleck, Kami Leigh
Fleck, Koby Shay
Flowers, Amber Nichole
Foutz, Brittany Shantell
Foutz, Jared Reese
Foutz, Teisha Michelle
Garcia, Bryan Peter
Giboney, Brittany Gayel
Giboney, Dana Elaine
Gibson, Geoffrey Dwayne
Good, Glenn Clyde
Goodson, Kimberly Sur
Goodson, Skyler Wald
Graft, Andrew Joseph
Gregory, Deidra Marie
Gregory, Kassie Lynette
Gregory, Luther William III
Grider, Amy Elizabeth
Grider, Andrew Lee
Harmon, Anne Shari
Harmon, Aric Scott
Harp, Jamie Lynn
Hazelton, . Lynn
Hazelton, Sarah Noel
Hembree, Brit William
Higbee, Evan Michael
Higbee, Lauren Elizabeth
Horner, Destiny Lynn
Hurlock, Cheyenne Dakota

Hurlock, Gary DeWayne Jr.
Hurlock, Joshua Gideon
Hurlock, Misenheimer Peggy Michele
Huth, Brenna Colleen
Ice, Justin Paul
Ice, Kelly Thomas
Ice, Kristine Marie
Jackosn, Jentri LeRay
Jackson, Abrams Traci Lee
Jackson, Desten Lynne
Jackson, Jaci Lene'
Jackson, Jane Lee Ann
Jackson, Kimra Ruth
Jackson, Stephanie Briane
Johnnie Edward
Johnson, Dillon Charles
Johnson, Juliann Loucille
Kessler, Cory Scott
Kessler, Katrina Bernadette
Kessler, Kellie Rae
Kessler, Kraig Michael
Kimes, James Patrick
Kimes, Joshua Daniel
King, Anita Marie
Knight, Robert Barnes Jr.
LaClair, James Stephen Jr.
Larimore, Steven Lynn
Lawson, Denisa Ann
Lawson, James Wen
Lawson, Robert Glen
Lewis, Marc Justin
Lockery, Alan Michael
Lockery, Justin Jay
Lockery, Spalding Mary Alice
Loftis, Kelli Frances
Loyd, Jacquelyn Jamae
Loyd, Jesse Lee
Maddux, Kathryn Marlene
Martin, Jacqueline Fay
McCuistion, Jared Wayne

McDonald, Noah Seth
McDonald, Zachary Leighton
McRae, Douglas Graham II
Miclea, Joshua Michael
Mims, Jason Edward
Mims, Ryan Lynn
Moore, Christian Ross
Moore, Kathryn Laurel
Morris, Aaron Roger
Morris, Alanna Kay
Neghnquet, Sarah Angelica
Nelson, Nickolas William
Nute, Richard Manley Jr.
Palleson, Kristopher Linn
Peltier, Katelyn Wentworth
Prine, Jamie Lee
Raulston, Daulton Gene
Ricioppi-Phoenix, Makaila Daniella
Riggs, Michael Eugene
Roush, Cameo Mae
Sanchez, Joseph Charles
Sanchez, Joseph Charles Jr.
Sanders, David Kyle
Santino, Griffin Lee
Santino, Jensen Marie
Scott, Delenia Rae
Skinner, Robert Wade
Stull, Donald Ray Jr.
Stull, Tishia Marie
Tasier, David Matthew
Tasier, Erika Deanne
Tasier, Jessica Leanne
Tasier, Monica Breanne
Truog, David George II
Truog, Rhiannon Rae
Tyson, Klemme Ashley Elaine
Upton, Cheyenne Lily
Wagner, Jacob Louis
Ward, Kyle Wesley
Yott, Tristan Faith



Scholarship helps earn pharmacy degree

Citizen Potawatomi Nation,

We would like to thank you on behalf of our son Marc Rafferty for the financial aid he received while pursuing his education at Central State in Edmond. Marc also received a national I.H.S. scholarship which helped him to continue his education at the O.U. Health Science Center earning a Pharm. D. degree as a Dr. of Clinical Pharmacy. Marc is now employed in Ada, OK at Carl Albert Indian Hospital fulfilling his dream. Keep up your good work in helping other young men and women to fulfil their dream as you have our son.

**Phillip Rafferty
Taukawa, OK**

Reader found family after HowNiKan story

After reading in the April 1997, issue of the HowNiKan the article on the Howard triplets and realizing Martha was writing about my Grandmother's family, my family, I sat down and wrote a letter to say hello to a new-found family member. But in my excitement I did not realize I didn't have her address.

I am sending the letter to you in the hopes you will forward it for me.

Once again, Mary, I appreciate you help. It is so nice to know you are there for all of us. You're are special and appreciated. Thanks.

**Susie Gretler
San Diego, California**

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Thought For Today

**Provided by Steve Kime,
tribal member, author and
professional speaker from
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

In the Northwest portion of Oklahoma lies the Great Salt Plains. These salt plains are a unique geological area. Within the 11,000 acres area, a thin salt crust covers the land. Beneath this barren and salt laden top layer lies selenite crystals. This is the only place in the world where you will find the selenite hourglass shaped crystal. I asked a park ranger why this type of crystal was found in Oklahoma. She said it was the concentrated ingredients of gypsum and a saline solution. This special combination of ingredients make all the difference.

Today, take inventory of the special ingredients within yourself. These rare combinations allow you to be a special, one-of-a-kind individual. Share your uniqueness with someone today!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!

TRIBAL TRACTS



New FNB Officer

Dale Klingensmith has been named executive vice president of tribally-owned First National Bank and Trust Co. in Shawnee, according to president Larry Briggs. Klingensmith, a native of Sapulpa, was president of Republic Bank in Tecumseh several years ago and has also been associated with banks in Blackwell and Henryetta, as well as working for five years as a national bank examiner for the Comptroller of the Currency. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife Joanna are parents of two daughters, Erin and Leslie, who live in the Washington, D.C. area where Erin is an attorney for the Federal Communications Commission and Leslie is associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and a son Chan, who is a senior at OU.

Three Native American athletes inducted into Hall of Fame

The 1997 American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame (AIAHOF) held its annual induction banquet in Oklahoma City at the Marriott May 17. The ceremony featured the induction of three Native American athletic greats, two of whom currently reside in Oklahoma City.

One of the inductees was Mike Edwards, a member of the Professional Bowling Association's top 40 on the all-time money list. He posted six second-place finishes during his PBA career and has 26 perfect games to his credit during his professional and amateur career. The Oklahoma City resident is a member of the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Oklahoma.

Jimmie Earle Keele was also enshrined in recognition of a 36-year career in boxing as a fighter, judge, trainer and referee. As a fighter, Keele won three Oklahoma state AAU titles. As a referee, he officiated fights featur-

ing the likes of Sonny Liston, Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. Keele, an Oklahoma City resident, is a member of the Chickasaw Tribe of Oklahoma.

The third inductee, James Lawrence Johnson (Waukechon), was enshrined posthumously. Johnson's professional football career included stints with the New York Giants from 1936-39 and the Washington Redskins in 1944. Johnson was a member of the Menominee tribe of Wisconsin.

Dr. Joseph H. "Bud" Sahmaunt, athletic director at Oklahoma City University, served as the master of ceremonies for the banquet. Sahmaunt was an inductee in 1978.

The AIAHOF, located on the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, currently features 80 inductees, including sports legends Jim Thorpe and Allie Reynolds.

Joyce Abel elected to head state mental health group

The Oklahoma Native American Behavioral Health Circle, a statewide coalition of mental health, substances abuse, home health care, and other behavioral health providers interested in improving the availability of services for Native Americans, has elected officers and members of their Board of Directors.

Newly-elected board officers include chairperson Joyce Abel of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; vice chairperson, Susan Anderson of the Eagle's Flight, a program of the Eagle Ridge Institute in Guthrie; secretary Janet Smith of the Jack Brown Treatment Center, a facility of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah; and treasurer Glenna Jones of the Native American Center of Recovery in Shawnee.

The board members from the four regions of the state and their service agencies include Callie Hathcoat of the Bill Willis Community Mental Health Center in Tahlequah facility of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Northeast region; Mike Toahty of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Substance Abuse Program at Concho, Northwest region; Barbara Underwood from the Carl Albert Health Center in Ada, facility of the Chickasaw Tribe, Southeast region; and Jerry Bridges from Century Health Care in Clinton, Southwest region.

The Oklahoma Native American Behavioral Health Center is a coalition which developed from the Native American Behavioral Health Conference, held in October of 1996 at Fountainhead. The purpose of the Circle is to provide a continuing circle of resource groups to increase awareness of service availability for Native Americans. The Circle provides a forum for training opportunities for providers and increase awareness of cultural issues and needs of Native Americans in treatment.

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Family Visit

Potawatomis from two other bands visited the Citizen Potawatomi Nation recently for several days. While they were here, Chairman John A Barrett Jr., right, took them on a tour of First National Bank & Trust. From left are Earl Meshigaud and Aiesha Meshigaud of the Hannahville Indian Community and Stewart King of the Keewitnosauging Pottawatomi of Canada.

Plans finalized for Gathering of Nations in Shawnee this year

More than 500 Potawatomis from various parts of the United States and Canada are expected in Shawnee in a few weeks for the 1997 Gathering of the Nations.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will, for the first time, host this special annual event. Representatives of all seven organized bands and tribes of the Potawatomi people will come to Shawnee Aug. 22-24 to teach, learn and share with each other just as they have since the first Gathering in 1984.

Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett, who attended last year's Gathering at the Hannahville Indian Community near Wilson, Michigan, said the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is greatly honored to be hosting the event this year. Working on the arrangements, among others, is Esther Lowden, who said many of the activities will focus on the traditional.

"We will provide at least two traditional meals," she said. There will also be sharing of language, crafts, stories and other traditions, especially by elders of the bands, which include in addition to the Citizen Potawatomi, the Hannahville Potawatomi, Prairie Potawatomi, Forrest County Potawatomi, Huron Potawatomi, Canadian Potawatomi and Pokegon Potawatomi.

"It will be a time to return to the basic things we've gotten away from," said Lowden, "and forgotten how to do."

Young tribal member helps save grandfather

A longtime Comanche County employee might not be alive today if his 9-year-old grandson hadn't been handy.

Don Melot, 65, was listed in stable condition in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene on Thursday, six days after he was seriously burned in an accident at his home six miles east of here.

Aided by his grandson, Corbin Grayson, Melot had been burning some brush in a shallow pit on his farm about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. He was throwing a large limb into the fire when he lost his balance and fell in, according to his wife Viann.

Melot was able to scramble out to the pit unaided, but he received third-degree burns on both hands and arms, his face and one ear, and second-degree burns on his

knees.

"Fortunately he was wearing a new denim uniform and his clothes didn't catch fire," Mrs. Melot said Thursday at Hendrick. The pants kept his knees from being burned as deeply as his hands and arms.

"Corbin heard his pa holler and saw him climbing out of the fire. He ran right to the house and called me at work. My husband wouldn't have been able to dial the telephone his hands hurt so bad and there's no telling how long it would have taken him to get help otherwise," she said.

"When I got there Corbin was putting some aloe vera on the burns and telling his pa he'd be all right. He was our little hero," she said.

Melot received emergency treatment at Comanche Community Hospital, then was airlifted by

FirstFlight helicopter to Hendrick. It may have marked the first time a victim's family beat the helicopter to the hospital from so far away.

"Our son, Mike, is a pilot," Mrs. Melot explained. "He flew me to the Abilene airport; some nice folks there loaded us a courtesy car and we got to Hendrick just before the helicopter landed."

By coincidence, the Hendrick security guard who met the arriving flight, Vicky Pyburn, is a niece of the burn victim. She had not known who the helicopter was bringing to Hendrick.

Corbin is the son of Steven and Donna Melot Grayson and is a fourth-grader at Comanche Elementary School.

Don't Forget!

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Deadline Is

The 5th Of

The Month!

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California.....

Bozho, niconi!

Let me begin with a big CON-GRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! It is no small accomplishment to stick to your goal and go forward with your dream. My niece, Jolene Blanchard, graduates from high school this month and was deserving and fortunate to win two scholarships to help her on to Coalinga College. Susanne Simon graduates from Cal (Berkeley) and Mark Welliver from Cal (Davis). We wish them the very best in their future endeavors and look forward to hearing more from them. Please let me know if there are others who should be congratulated. It is good for us and for our children to see how well our Potawatomi family is doing.

You should have your invitation to the second annual Northern California Potawatomi Picnic by now. It is August 16th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Recreation Park, in Auburn. If you

didn't receive your invitation, please call me for one or to RSVP. We had a really nice time there last year, and plans are in the works for even better time. Please let me know if you have an activity or craft you would like to lead or if you can volunteer in other ways. Everyone pitched in last year and things went so smoothly. Just so you know, I did call Stockton's park and rec. department and they had only one park with reservable sites and from the sound of them, it would be much too hot. Auburn's park has the trees and grass and breeze for that time of year.

Now, I'm putting out the word that for next year, if someone wants to host the picnic, I'd like to get to the place where it is organized and run by tribal members and I take care of the mailing and RSVP's. Eventually, it would be great to have two picnics — one more northerly and one in the San Joaquin Valley. We could do the flyers at the

same time, so as not to add to mailing cost. Give it some thought and give me a call!

My family and I went to the Stanford Pow-Wow and it was hot and dusty and wonderful. It's a big pow-wow lots of vendors, Indian tacos, gorgeous regalia, and lots of heart-lifting drumming. Al Chalepah, with No Name Drum, was the southern host drum and played a beautiful song for mothers, since it was Mother's Day. All the moms got around the circle with the children and spouses supporting. In the middle of it all, a red-tailed hawk flew in and lingered, circling us all. You should have heard all lulu's! What a feeling — aho.

We will have a report on the pow-wow in Shawnee next time. Until then, give me a jingle if you need forms, info, or just want to touch base.

Pama mine'

Jennifer J. Porter

STANDING
DIRECTORY

Oregon/Idaho.....

Borzho Nikan,

Ne-Je-Na? Rocky is well and Maxine is too. We hope all of you are the same. It has been a slow month here at the office but I am sure it is because all of you are getting ready (as we are) for that trip to Shawnee. We always look forward to our time at the Tribal complex. It seems each year there are new buildings, people, programs and things to see and experience. We are looking forward to seeing you there also.

On May 22, this month, our Governor John Kitzhaber issued a proclamation declaring American Indian Week in Oregon. At a special signing ceremony at the State Capitol building in Salem, the Governor signed the Proclamation along with a ceremony and a day of Native American activities, food, and traditional dancing. The tribes in Oregon had information booths set up throughout Tribal Awareness Day and children from seven different school districts in Oregon visited to learn more about Oregon's Native peoples.

Governor Kitzhaber is establishing a government to government relationship with Oregon tribes, and has set up special committees to meet with tribal leaders during the next year.

Since it is almost time for the sun to shine and summer to show its face, we are always thinking of pow-wows. We have so much fun, camping, visiting and yes even dancing at the pow-wow. I am sure I will see some of you there. Below are a few of the events coming up. Try to take your children to a couple this

summer and remind them always of how proud they should be — to be Native American.

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN STAMPEDE: June 14 & 15, Grand Ronde Pow-Wow Grounds

PI-UME-SHA DAYS: June 28 & 29, Warms Spings, Oregon

4TH OF JULY PARADE: July 4th, Willamina, Oregon

GRANDE RONDE VETERANS POW-WOW: July 4, Grand Ronde, Oregon

COBURG POW-WOW: July 18-20, Coburg, Oregon

SILETZ POW-WOW & PARADE:

August 8-10, Siletz, Oregon

GRAND RONDE POW-WOW: August 15-17, Grand Ronde, Oregon

Happy pow-wowing and dance one for me!

Megwich,

Rocky Baptiste

No white person or persons shall be permitted to settle upon or occupy any portion of the territory or without the consent of the Indians, pass through the same ... (Treaty of 1868)

South Texas.....

Bosho from Southeast Texas,

It is summer here in Houston, and we are enjoying the season.

I hope when you read this letter, you are all in Shawnee at Pow-wow!

That's where John and I plan to be. The Potawatomi Day events are all planned. It is a "first" for us to have this night set aside just for our own tribe, and I'm sure we are going to benefit in many ways by being present.

There will be an art show in the Long Room. All Potawatomi artists who sent in slides were considered for the show. There will be supper for us at 5p.m. on Friday at the pow-wow grounds, and singing and dance demonstrations.

Bring your dance regalia; you will want to join in.

Remember there will be a gathering of Potawatomi Nations in August. More about that next letter.

J.D. Holt, tribal member now living in Arizona — congratulations on the three new grandchildren. Now you can really spoil the little ones!

Let us hear from all of you, how you are, who graduated, who is getting married, etc., so we can share the good news.

Keeping this letter short, there will be much to write about after the Pow-Wow.

Travel safely; take care of each other.

Ba Ma Me Na

Lu Ellis

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Southwest.....

Ho Nicone,
Sometimes I feel like a squirrel in a treadmill cage, running around in circles and getting nowhere. At times I am not a very good organizer of my time.
It's the "good old summer time." The kids are out of school, the streets and cul de sac is busy with skating, bike riding and neighborhood baseball games. And our weather has been HOT! It seems to go up and down like a yoyo.

I know that the weather here during the summer leaves something to be desired, but if you want to visit Arizona, now is the time. Since this is off season for most hotels/motels/resorts, they are able to give the traveler great packages for rooms. Also there are many things to see if you feel like adventuring out into the noon day sun.

Fort Apache Indian Reservation (home of the White Mountain Apache), offers fishing, hunting and camping. If you need further information write: White Mountain Game and Fish Dept. Box 228 White River AZ. 94941. The Hopi Reservation, located near Holbrook, has several villages and each village has its own set of rules. You may write to the Hopi Tribal Office of Public Relations, Box 123 Kykotsmone AZ. 86031, for different gatherings that they have. The Navajo Reservation also

located in the same area has a beautiful tribal museum and I am told that every Saturday night they dance. The White Mountain Apache and the Navajo Reservations both host various fairs and celebrations from late summer to early fall. For more information call Holbrook toll free at 1-800-524-2459.

Other attractions include: The Petrified Forrest, The Painted Desert, Canyon De Chelly, Lake Powell and the Grand Canyon to name a few. And you can still "get your kicks on Route 66," which is

still in existence. The list could go on and on but I really think you should come to Arizona and find out what we have to offer. There — I did my part for the tourism industry. Maybe I should approach them to hire me ... on second thought, I think not.

For those of you who missed Pow-Wow, I am sorry we missed our visit. I hope you have a great and safe summer. Keep in touch. The phone is still working, but doesn't seem to ring. So call if you can.

I came across this bit of wisdom the other day and I wanted to share it with you: When you come to the edge of all light you know and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen. There will be something solid to stand on or you will be taught how to fly.

Megwitch,
Philonoise Williams

North Texas.....

When I lived in Wichita Falls during the tornado season and that was nearly all the time, the "oldtimers" always said the Indians told them not to build a town there. Now I am wondering if the same thing might be true of Jarrell, Texas. Two tornadoes in eight years. And Oklahoma has had their share this year, too. The tornado season has the talk shows in Dallas reminiscing about the 1950s and the tornado drills in school. Now the TV news is showing a storm safe house that looks a lot like a '50s bomb shelter.

It's a tough time for all those affected

and our prayers are with them. We have had a lovely Spring, but now we can tell that Summer is arriving with a heat index of 115. The kids are out of school and by the time you read this, they will be moaning about returning to school .

Guess I'm doing a good job of answering some people's questions. I'm getting calls from other tribes — Cherokee seems to be in the majority — saying they have been given my name and number by someone. Just hope that no one else calls me at 11:30 p.m. I am sure you have been following the trial in Denver as I have and feel some thanks

for the guilty verdict. I spoke with Dave Broxterman whose brother, Paul, was killed. Dave told me that his mother was shown on CNN and Channel 8 in Dallas as she was coming out of the courthouse. I called to let Dave know that I was thinking of him and his family.

Hope you made it to the Business Council and Pow-Wow. As I am writing this, I am certainly looking forward to meeting with each of you. Have any of you noticed the popularity of Native American music in commercials? It certainly catches my attention.

Marj Hobdy

MESHO NELSON

Tears rolling down my face
sometimes out of place here
I look around and see someone's gone
someone that means alot to me
My mesho Nelson was I loved so dear
Where has he gone will I see him again
I tryed shutting the door to my tears
I locked the door and tossed the key
But my tear wouldn't stop coming
I look around and don't know where to turn
I'm left behind with only memories and confusion
of why take a person I loved dear
Now I'm here alone without him
But far away I hear his voice
He tells me not to worry he'll always be here
It has been so long since he left me
Yet I still have a feeling for him and love
Maybe someday I will be with him again
I feel tears still rolling down my face
Those tears aren't sadness but happiness
Because now I know Mesho Nelson,
is going to be with me,
and I will always love him with all my heart.

March 21, 1996

This poem is for a man (my grandfather) who means more than anything to me. I wish I still had a chance to learn my way of life from him. Everyone loved this man and hated to see him go, but will always remember him.

By Annie Potts, 13, Prairie Potawatomi

POTAWATOMI
POWER!



A Time To Celebrate

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps had plenty of fans in the audience June 11 when she was honored as Oklahoma's Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration. Capps, who is bid coordinator at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, is also on the board of directors of Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, First National Bank & Trust, the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce and is involved with many other organizations in the community. She is shown above left with her husband Roy and some fellow REI officials at the awards luncheon and above right as she receives her award. In the photo below are some of the tribal officials and staff who made the trip to Oklahoma City to be on hand for the ceremony, from left: Rick Short, Bob Trousdale, Jerry Motley and Gene Bruno.



Pow-wow competition features increased prize money this year

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welcome to watch, Lowden said.

That means that the intertribal dance competition will be condensed into two days, Saturday and Sunday. The contest dances include straight, fancy, traditional and grass for senior men (18-59) and junior boys (7-17); cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy for senior ladies (18-59) and junior girls (7-17); and special contests for golden age men and women (60 and over) and tiny tots. The tiny tot contest, for boys and girls six and under, will be held on Saturday, June 28.

A point system will be in effect, and for the first

time cash prizes in most contests will be the same for men and women. Winners in junior boys' straight, fancy, traditional and grass dancing as well as junior girls' cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy dancing will be paid \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. Senior men's dances will pay \$1500, \$1200 and \$900 for the first three places while senior women's contests will pay \$1200, \$900 and \$600. Golden age contests for both men and women will pay \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third.

Fourth place was eliminated to increase the prize money for the ladies' contests. The Business Committee asked for the changes after suggestions from tribal members and staff.

Heading up the Pow-Wow again this year, in addition to Lowden, are Joe Cozad and Carla Whiteman. Head Staff includes Dean Whitebreast of Tama, Iowa, master of ceremonies; Stratford Williams of Anadarko, Oklahoma, master of ceremonies; Georgia Tiger of Stroud, Oklahoma, head lady dancer; Zack Morris of Shawnee, Oklahoma, head man dancer; and Lawrence Wahpepah of McLoud, Oklahoma, head gourd dancer.

There will be no drum contest this year, but White Thunder, the Northern drum coming from Indiana for Red Earth as well as the Potawatomi Pow-Wow, will be joined by Black Lodge. The second Southern drum, in addition to Kenneth Cozad's, will be Southern Thunder of Oklahoma.

Gourd dancing will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and grand entry will be at 7 p.m. each night. Gourd dancers will enjoy the brand-new Round House, a covered dance arena 128 feet in diameter, which has been constructed just west of the open arena. Chairman John A. Barrett said that the new facility will not only protect the dancers from the Oklahoma summer sun but will provide shelter in case of inclement weather.

Admission to the pow-wow is free, as is parking. No alcohol is allowed on the pow-wow grounds, and there will be ample security at all times.

Barrett said campers' children will enjoy new playground equipment, something often requested and promised last year by tribal officials at the General Council meeting.



Kristy Phillips
1997 Potawatomi Princess

Trips into the past available to tribal members during pow-wow

Potawatomi families who want to explore their heritage will have a unique opportunity this year to look up their ancestors' original allotments and go visit the site if they wish.

Tribal Archaeologist Lisa Kraft has plotted the 1872 and 1887 Citizen Potawatomi allotments by reviewing the topographical maps of the original thirty-square-mile Citizen Potawatomi Reserve resultant from the Treaty of 1867. A full-size, detailed, color map of the old lands will be on exhibit in the Long Room, and assistance in locating individual allotments will be available.

Only two of the three allotment periods will be detailed on the map with the third allotment period (1887-1891) being slated for a later date. The first act under which allotments were sought was dated May 23, 1872, but as the plan was new, most tribal members did not obtain their allotments at that time. Instead the majority acquired allotments some 15 years later under the Dawes Act of 1887.

The Citizen Potawatomi Allotment Map will be the first exhibit in a series designed to unveil the new tribal museum, which is scheduled to be completed later this year.

The allotment map is only one of many special activities available to tribal members during Pow-Wow Weekend. Several are traditional activities, such as the horseshoe, golf and bowling tournaments (see schedule on page 1 for times), and some are slightly different this year. The tour of Sacred Heart, which has been offered for the past few years, will be special this year because Father Lawrence of St. Gregory's will help conduct the tour. The tour will leave the administration building at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Health screenings will be available as in the past, but in a new location. Tribal Health Services are now located in new facilities south of the administration building on Gordon Cooper Drive. Tribal members are invited to tour the building as well as take advantage of the screenings.

Potawatomi language lessons will

be available Thursday and Friday for those interested, and a special church service will be held Sunday morning at the pow-wow grounds. Contact Norman Kiker at 878-4818 for more information on either activity.

Shirl Hubert has lots of activities planned for children on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. Arts and crafts, language lessons, face painting and more will be offered under the big blue tent at the pow-wow grounds. There is no charge, and the program is open to all ages. Call her at 878-4848 for more information.

Although there are no contested offices in the annual election Saturday, June 28, tribal members who have not voted by absentee ballot are urged to go to the polls in person between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Chairman John A. Barrett will be re-elected automatically since, for the first time, he did not draw an opponent. Neither did either of the members of the Grievance Committee seeking re-election, Jo Ann Johnson and Paul Schmidtkofer. A third member of that committee, Marian Flanagan, did not file and someone will have to be appointed to that position to serve until the next election.

Robert Coffey, a Tulsa attorney and tribal member, will be on the ballot for confirmation for a seat on the tribal Supreme Court, and tribal voters are being asked to approve a budget for spending the interest money earned on set-aside funds. "It will basically be the same as last year," Barrett said. "We anticipate the tribe will be using the accumulated land acquisition funds from previous years to acquire another 40 acres adjacent to our property."

The chairman urged voters to participate in this year's election despite the fact that there are no contested races. "Unfortunately, the number of people voting in last two elections declined," he said. "It is important that we keep a demonstration of our constitutional privilege intact."

Call To Council!

June 28, 1997

7 a.m. Call To Order

7 a.m.-2 p.m. Recess For On-Site Voting

3 p.m. Meeting Reconvened For Business

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